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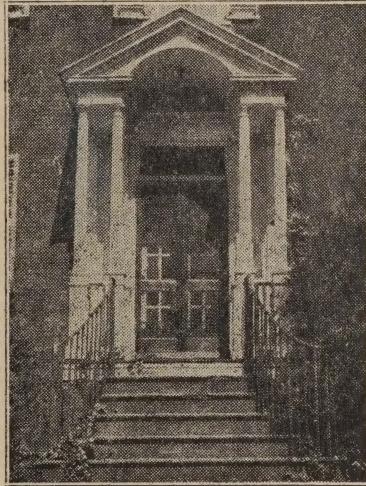
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# Historic New Bern



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Guide Book  
New Bern, N. C.

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SECOND OLDEST TOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA



NEW BERN has a great historical record—second to no city in the State. And no section is more favored with natural advantages, mild climate and outstanding industrial possibilities of numerous diversified types.

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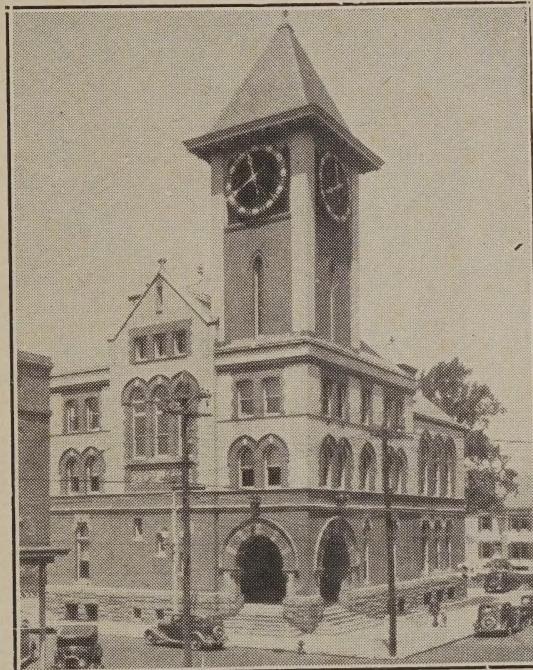
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One of the Most Historic and Hospitable Towns in America



NEW BERN CITY HALL

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AIRPLANE VIEW OF THE CITY OF NEW BERN AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NEUSE AND TRENT RIVERS

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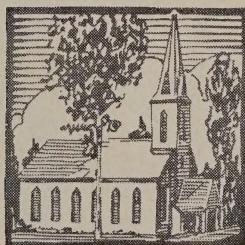
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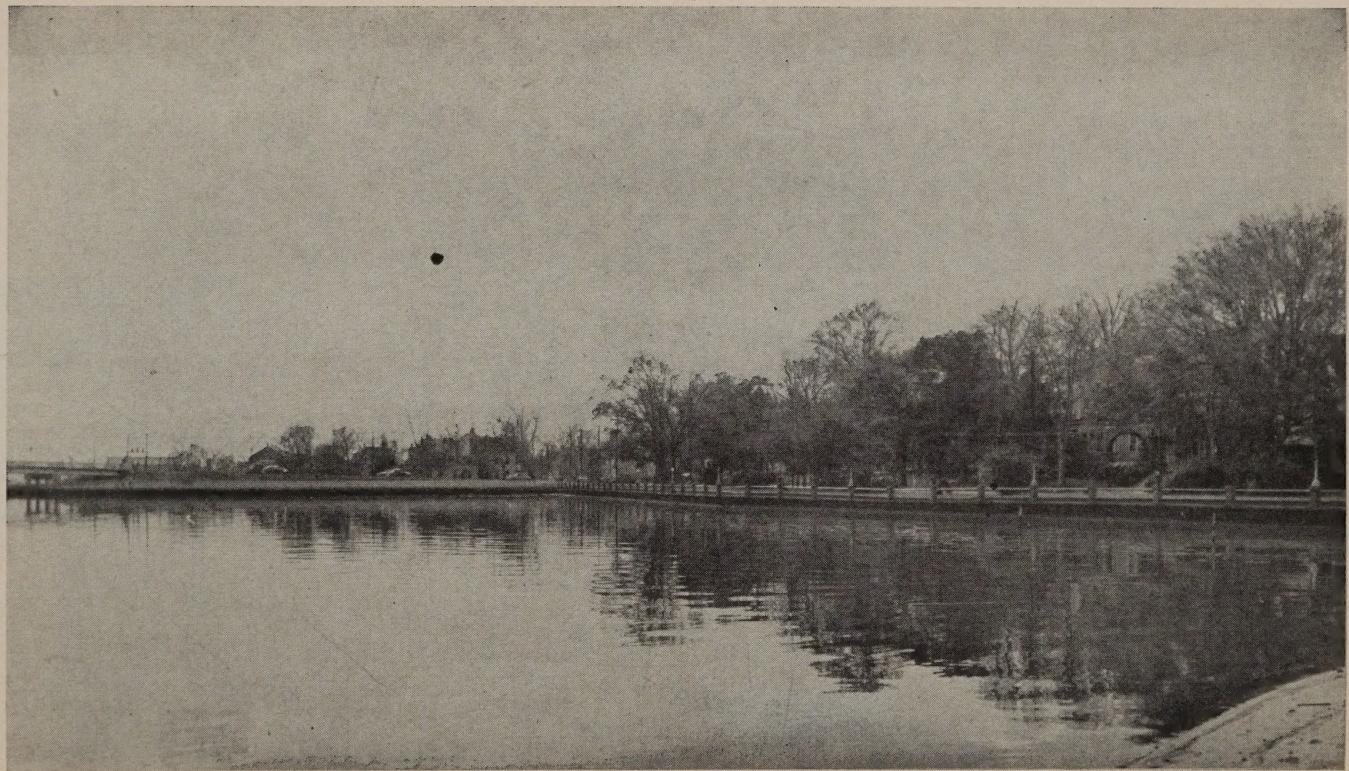
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# *New Bern—Today*

A growing and progressive modern city, with outstanding historical traditions, New Bern has unsurpassed natural resources of importance to agriculturists, business opportunities of value to industrialists, and distinctive cultural charms of appeal to visitors that are being materially capitalized upon today to give it a niche higher than ever before attained in its long and honored career.

In the heart of Eastern North Carolina, on two rivers, at the center of the coastal area of the United States, the city is the hub of one of the most fertile farm regions of the entire country, noted for its mild climate, long growing seasons and up-to-date farming methods.

Within the county are the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, the world's largest Marine Air Base, and its thriving civilian settlement at Havelock. Nearby in Onslow County is Camp Lejeune, largest all-purpose Marine ground base.

"A Miniature Charleston" is the description of New Bern written by Nina Wilcox Putnam. Mildred Seydell compared it to "the quaint, historic seaports in New England . . . prim and precise, bristling with efficiency."

Only 35 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, 35 degrees latitude and 77 longitude, about 18 feet above sea level, the city is in the midst of a vast amphitheatre of protected seaways, rimmed with coastal resorts. On the \$2,000,000 port terminal development at Morehead City is being expended an additional like sum for vast benefits to the section.

The new \$1,400,000 concrete bridge over Neuse River is bringing an ever-increasing flow of traffic through the town. Plans are being made for construction of a new bridge over Trent River and for the widening of the highway from New Bern to the coast.

As County Seat of Craven County, New Bern draws many patrons from the county and neighboring counties. Its population was 11,815 by official count in 1940; by 1950 it had increased 33.6 per cent to 15,784. The county showed a 55.5 per cent increase during the decade to 48,681. About 200,000 reside in the trade territory.

Effective buying income for the city is estimated at \$30,000,000 and for the trade territory at \$100,000,000. The 550 retail establishments in the city in 1948 had payrolls of \$1,000,000 and sales of \$17,446,000. Annual payrolls for civilian and military personnel at the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point approximated \$29,337,000 in 1951. County retail sales in 1948 came to \$26,000,000.

Retail trade went up from \$5,050,000 in 1939 in New Bern to \$24,479,000 in 1949, an increase of 311.4 per cent. Wholesale trade rose from \$5,888,000 to \$12,092,000, a gain of 105.3 per cent, during the same years. Manufacturing increased from \$1,292,000 in 1939 to \$3,484,000 in 1947.



The 5,761 farms in the trade territory in 1945 were valued at \$15,904,107, with the farm income \$17,771,696. Agricultural receipts in Craven County grew from \$2,681,360 in 1937 to \$7,547,300 in 1950. Tobacco, corn, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, soybeans, produce and many other products are raised, bearing out the saying that everything can be grown here, "except macaroni and succotash." A Curb Market is open Saturdays in a new building on George Street.

Current industrial establishments include a pants factory, four boat works and repair yards, a dredging concern, two metal plants, four machine foundries, brick yards, cement block plant, two tobacco processing factories, an awning and tent manufacturing company and a sail loft for the making of boat sails, an enlarged cotton seed mill, fertilizer plants, livestock market, meat packing plant, frozen food locker, pickle plant, chicken hatchery, two milk pasteurization plants, ice cream factory, five bottling plants and seven patent medicine firms. Packaged liquors are sold at three legal liquor stores in the county.

Basic raw materials of many different kinds permit wide expansion of industrial life. Forest lands on 158,000 acres rank among the most productive in the South. The woods teem with game, the waters with fish and other seafoods. Agriculture, lumbering, commercial fishing and varied manufacturing constitute major pursuits. Past industries range from cotton, silk and rice mills to bucket, plate and axe handle factories, denoting the variety of possibilities.

During World War II eight minesweepers, two salvage vessels and four net tenders were built for the Navy at Barbour Boat

Works, now reconverted for commercial and pleasure craft, though again holding some government repair contracts. Modern yacht basins accommodate yachts that ply coastal waters.

Three banks in New Bern reported total resources of \$306,-719,671.96, as of Oct. 10, 1951, as compared with \$48,406,926.56 as of Dec. 30, 1939. The New Bern Building and Loan Association, organized in 1887, had total resources of \$1,473,985.47, as of Oct. 31, 1951; the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, organized in December, 1945, and now in new quarters, had resources of \$744,706.43.

Postal receipts indicate the phenomenal increase in business during recent years. For 1940-41 they were \$38,622.29; for 1950-51 they were \$209,145.96. The local postoffice has two branches at Cherry Point and one at Havelock. Air mail has increased by leaps and bounds.

Many new outlying business districts and suburban residential sections are springing up rapidly for the city. The main business district downtown would do credit to a much larger metropolis. Many firms have greatly improved their buildings and increased their stocks, to make New Bern a splendid shopping center.

The Texas Company is erecting a huge new sales terminal at Union Point. The Kress store has vastly enlarged its space to include three structures. A new veneer factory has been erected. The Frederick Tailoring Company has increased its work space and capacity output for the manufacture of men's trousers.

Numerous new homes have been built, and there are two new housing projects under way, one for white residents, the other for colored residents, each to cost \$1,000,000, to double the size of the present housing projects in the city.

Automatic dial telephone service is used by the Carolina Tele-



WATER SKIERS ON PICTURESQUE TRENT RIVER

phone and Telegraph Company. The number of telephones in New Bern increased 63 per cent during the past six years. Through the section telephones have almost doubled in the same period, with many new phones installed in rural communities. Gas meters rose 27.2 per cent, from 1,000 in 1944 to 1,375 in 1951.

Civil aeronautics weather reports pass through the Western Union Telegraph Company office here. The Triangle Electric Company has developed special alarm panels for pulverized coal-fired boiler systems and remote automatic transfer water pump controls.



ELKS TEMPLE

The Norfolk Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and Atlantic and East Carolina Railroads operate in all directions. The Atlantic and East Carolina Railway Company leases the rehabilitated Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, the State-controlled "Old Mullet Line" from Goldsboro to the sea. This line was the first in America to be 100 per cent Diesel operated. Extensive renovations are planned for the tracks.

Formed here in January, 1925, the Seashore Transportation Company operates 60 buses, traveling an average of 225,000 miles each month. About 160,000 passengers are transported monthly. The firm maintains its own repair shops, and its payroll is one of the largest in East Carolina. This company owns and operates here the City Transit Company, which has regular bus routes to suburban areas on frequent schedules.

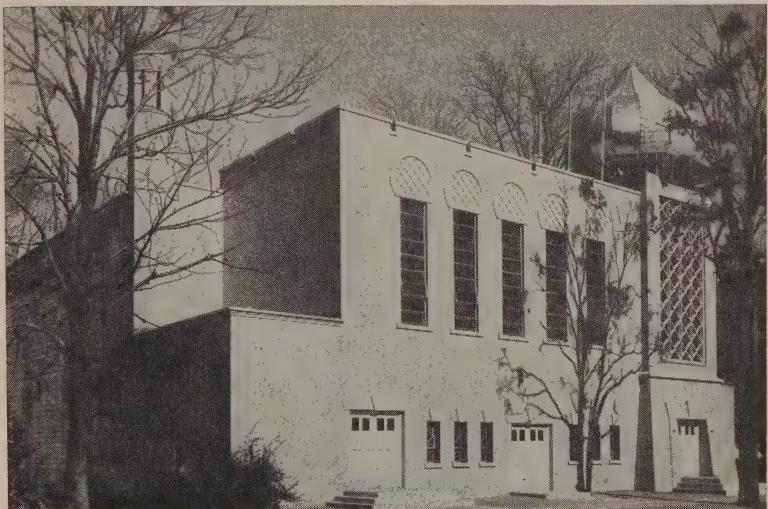
There are a number of motor freight and express lines, as well as railway express. The section has excellent paved highways, many of which have been extended and widened in recent years. Highways 17, 70 and 55 pass through New Bern.

Simmons-Nott Airport across Trent River is owned by the city and county, and operated by the city and its Airport Commission. The field is well lighted, to provide for night flights. Its facilities have been considerably improved during the past year, and its runways have been lengthened, to take care of huge, modern planes, for its 10 daily flights by National Airlines and two by Piedmont Airlines. Two more daily flights are being requested by Piedmont officials.

Focal point of diversified enterprises, the town is regional headquarters for many firms. County Recorder's Court is held here weekly, and a City Recorder's Court was established in July, 1947. Superior Court has regular terms of 14 weeks a year. Federal Court for seven counties is held here twice annually.

Headquarters for a ten-county State Forestry Division are maintained in the city, as are headquarters of the Croatan National Forest for Jones, Carteret and Craven Counties; the five-county State Highway and Public Works Commission district, with its local prison camp and farm; the five-county district of the State Highway Patrol, with 21 patrolmen and a new headquarters on Route 17; a branch of the Carolina Motor Club; the three-county office of the United States Employment Service; and the seven-county office of the Postal Inspector. The Third District Congressman resides in New Bern.

Sudan Shrine Temple, with 5,500 members in Eastern Carolina as far west as Durham, has its home here, and holds annually three business meetings and a Winter Ceremonial in this city. A handsome new \$150,000 Shrine auditorium has been recently



NEW \$150,000 SHRINE AUDITORIUM



PLAYGROUND WITH LIGHTED TENNIS COURTS

erected next to the Shrine Home. A new \$300,000 Scottish Rite Temple was dedicated Nov. 17, 1949, for offices and semi-annual reunions of the 3,000 Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern. Frequent meetings are also held by York Rite Masons and affiliated bodies.

Located here are St. Luke's Hospital, with 65 beds; Kafer Memorial Hospital, with 42 beds; and Good Shepherd Hospital for Negroes, with 58 beds. The County Hospital-Home contains 38 beds. The City-County Health Department has a modern Health Center.

Educational opportunities have long been exceptionally fine, and plans are under way for an extensive school building program, including a large new High School. Besides the public schools there are Catholic schools for white and colored children.



PUBLIC MONUMENTS IN NEW BERN

Numerous churches are in and around New Bern, and there are many religious, benevolent, patriotic and civic organizations. The American Red Cross is active, and operates a housing bureau.

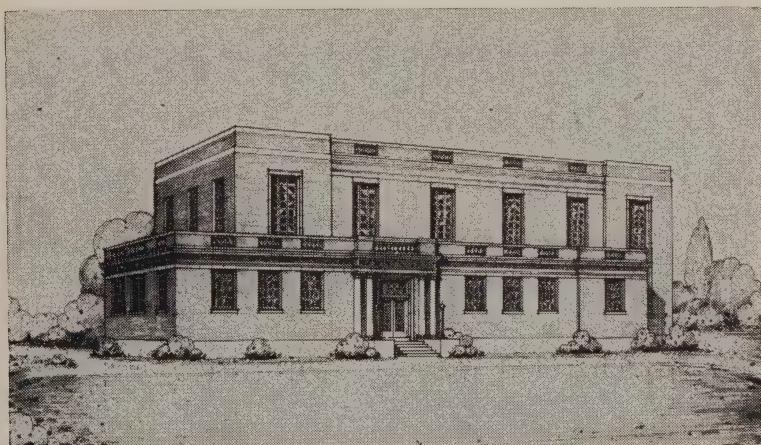
The *Sun-Journal* publishes two editions of its daily newspaper. Newspaper circulation rose 48.4 per cent from 4,200 in 1939 to 7,949 in 1950. Radio Station WHIT, "Where Hospitality is Traditional," has operated since April 22, 1942, and is affiliated with the Mutual Broadcasting Company and the Tobacco Network. Local broadcasting studios are maintained by WMBL, "Where Morehead and Beaufort Link."

Since July 1, 1947, New Bern has been under the City Manager form of government, with a Mayor, City Manager and one Alderman from each of the five wards. The Chief of Police and Tax Collector are appointed by the Board of Aldermen. Craven County is governed by a Board of five Commissioners, representing various parts of the county, with two from New Bern.

Property in the county was valued for tax purposes in 1951 at \$25,344,894, of which \$13,093,563 was in New Bern. About 400 parking meters in the city bring in about \$26,000 a year.

There are six 1,000 K.W. generators in the municipal Diesel power plant costing \$600,000. The electric distribution system has been recently rebuilt. Electricity receipts in the past fiscal year aggregated \$720,000, a substantial increase over the \$446,510 for 1944-45. Electric meters in service increased 16.6 per cent from 7,423 in 1944 to 8,887 in 1951.

The municipality owns 180 miles of electric lines in and near New Bern. Of the 7,000 electric accounts, 2,000 are for rural areas. The surrounding territory is served by the Tide Water Power Company, whose lines are connected with hydro and steam



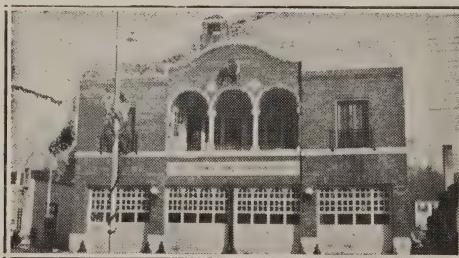
NEW MUNICIPAL DIESEL POWER PLANT

plants of other large companies. This concern is being merged with the Carolina Power and Light Company. Power for any industrial development is available.

New water wells were drilled during recent years, with capacity for 3,000,000 gallons daily. The old wells, with similar capacity, are held in reserve for fire or other emergencies. A new water softening plant was installed at cost of \$115,000 and was put into operation September 15, 1951, by the city. Water revenues jumped 20.5 per cent from \$55,828.17 for the fiscal year in 1943 to \$70,773.72 for the fiscal year in 1950.

Approximately \$250,000 was spent in 1950-51 on permanent improvements in city water and sewerage extensions, the power plant and its equipment.

An efficient police force is maintained by the city, with 24 on the staff. They use a two-way patrol radio.



NEW BERN CENTRAL FIRE STATION

The fire department is also efficiently managed. There is a central fire station for the two volunteer companies. Fire losses are considered comparatively low. During the past year the city purchased a new truck, with a 500-gallon pumper and fire-fighting fog apparatus. The county bought a high-pressure fog-fighting truck, to be manned by the city for fighting fires in county areas.

Living conditions have long been regarded as excellent, not only because of the scenic and healthful location and the charm of streets and homes but especially because of the friendly spirit of the citizens. Foreign-born form only .5 per cent of the population. With all the advantages of a small town, surrounded by rural and water attractions, New Bern also boasts cultural and recreational advantages of larger cities. It has a unique atmosphere of historical background blended with modern progress and Southern hospitality.

# *New Bern—Future*

WITH ITS ADVANTAGEOUS and picturesque location at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent Rivers, midway between New York and Florida, near the beneficent Gulf Stream, in the center of a thriving agricultural area to which numerous industries are moving, adjacent to the Marine Corps' two mammoth East Coast training centers, and in the midst of outstanding historical sites soon to be capped by the restoration of the famed Tryon's Palace, New Bern faces an auspicious future.

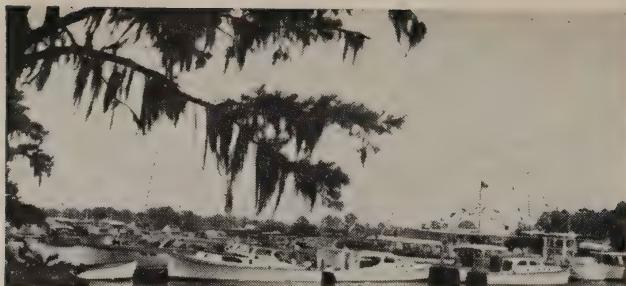
Residents are justly proud of their past record, historic traditions and present progress, but have their eyes turned toward an even greater future as an agricultural and industrial mecca and popular year-round resort, easily accessible by land, water or air.

Visitors and tourists praise New Bern, as they come from far and wide, not only with the West-East traffic to Cherry Point and the seashore over Highway 70, "North Carolina's Main Street," but also for the North-South route over the "Ocean Hiway," which is "The Fastest and Safest Route From Northern Pines to Southern Palms."

Only 65 miles away, the Gulf Stream brings a mild and healthful climate. The average temperature is 62 degrees, as a rule cool most of the Summer and warm most of the Winter. Cooling breezes blow from the rivers, to give a Summer average of 79 degrees. The rainfall averages about 60 inches a year. On a "Sunshine Map" of the United States the three places listed as having most sunshine are Florida, Southern California and Eastern North Carolina.



NEW BERN COUNTRY CLUB AND GOLF LINKS



Fishing, hunting, boating, bathing and motoring are among the many resort features to attract tourists and visitors to this "Land of Enchanting Waters." The town is a convenient stopping place for motorists and yachtsmen to enjoy these and other attractions in this resort section.

Much progress has been made along agricultural lines, but climate and fertility of soil offer many other opportunities for diversified farming, dairying, poultry and livestock.

Timber supplies provide an exceptionally fine setting for lumber mills, veneer plants and furniture factories. Excellent sites, with both water and rail connections, may be found for rayon, paper and pulp plants. There is an abundance of raw material, and natural reproduction is rapid with fine market conditions.

Vast deposits of marl and limestone in the vicinity are ideal for roadbuilding, fertilizer and cement. Also banked lavishly in the area is clay suitable for brick and ceramic purposes.

Shipbuilding is well under way, but there is room for expansion. For generations New Bern traded with practically the entire world, and local leaders hope to revive water transportation and water sports. The \$2,000,000 improvements at the Morehead City port will be of vast aid to the area, and airport extensions should make New Bern a vital air center.

Favorable conditions abound for textile mills, garment plants, shoe factories, meat packing, food and seafood processing, dehydration plants, additional fertilizer factories and innumerable other types of industrial expansion. Few towns have such outstanding potentialities as does New Bern.



OFFICERS CLUB AND GOLF COURSE AT MARINE AIR BASE, CHERRY POINT

# *New Bern—Past*

FROM THE STANDPOINT of history and historic sites, New Bern is one of the most important and interesting cities of America. It has been called, "The City of Five Flags."

Namesake of Bern, Switzerland, the city was settled in 1710 by Swiss and German colonists, seeking religious, political and industrial freedom and advancement in the New World. Their leader was Baron Christopher de Graffenried, to whom Queen Anne of England had granted a tract of land on the Neuse and Trent rivers. It is the second oldest town in North Carolina.

Despite hardships and dangers, the settlement grew and prospered. In 1723 it was incorporated, and became the center of provincial business, culture, and political activity, long known as "The Athens of North Carolina."



Here was established the first printing press in the province, with publication of the first newspaper, first pamphlet, and first book. Here, too, were started the first incorporated school, and later the first free school of the province.

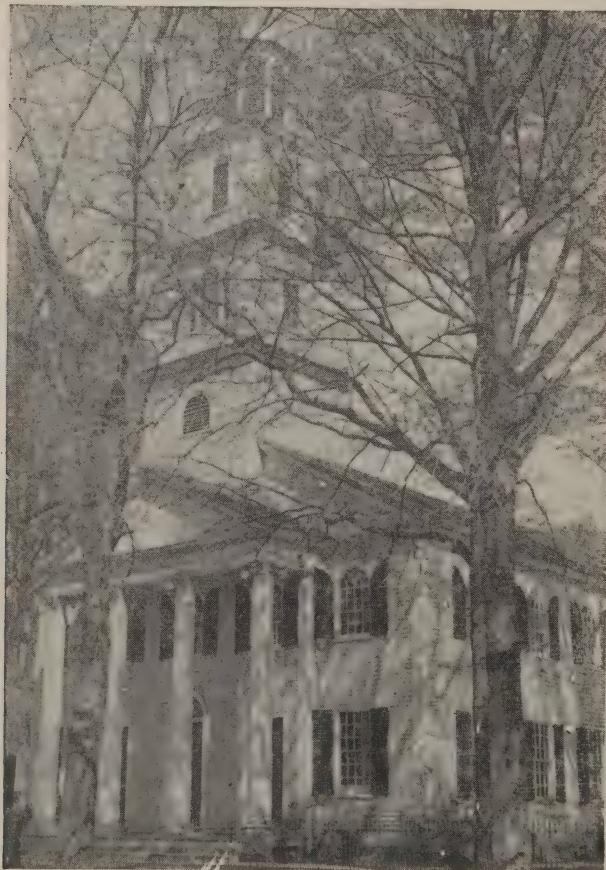
As seat of English government in the province, the town played a prominent role in Colonial and Revolutionary affairs. The first two provincial conventions were held here at Tryon's Palace, in defiance of Royal orders. British rule in the province was ended with the driving out of Royal Governor Josiah Martin from the city in May, 1775.

Even before the founding of New Bern, French Huguenots under Pastor Claude Phillippe de Richebourg settled up Trent river two miles from here in 1707, moving from Virginia, where they had first colonized in 1690.



The region furnished many brave officers and men for the Revolutionary period. British occupied the town for two days.

Queen Street was named for Queen Anne; King Street, King George I; George Street, King George III; Craven Street, Earl of Craven; Pembroke, Earl of Pembroke; Eden Street, Gov. Charles Eden; and Johnson Street for Gov. Gabriel Johnston.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Nearby Places of Interest

NEW BERN is near numerous places of outstanding interest and appeal to all types of persons. Blessed by a bountiful nature, "The Land of Enchanting Waters" holds attractions for all who love the outdoors. The section has been highly praised by such visiting sportsmen as Christy Mathewson, Bud Fisher, Rex Beach, Irvin S. Cobb, Babe Ruth, John Kieran and many others.

Followers of Izaak Walton may quickly experience the thrill of landing fish of many salt or fresh water species from creeks and rivers or from the sound and deep sea. Swimming, boating and beach sports are among chief diversions.

Splendid hunting makes the section an ideal sportsman's paradise, for ducks, geese, quail, turkeys, squirrel, deer and many other kinds of game. Motoring is a great pleasure on the excellent roads. Hikers may find inviting lanes through fragrant woodlands or along picturesque waters. Golf may be played almost every day of the year at the Country Club, three miles southwest of the town. The mansion at the nearby Trent Pines Club was built by the late Dr. Earl S. Sloan, originator of Sloan's Liniment.

In Craven county, named for William, Earl of Craven, a Lord Proprietor of Carolina, are many historic sections. Fort Barnwell, in the upper part of the county, still recalls the bloody defeat of the Indians there on January 28, 1712. The name of Croatan in the lower part of the county is suggestive of the unfortunate "Lost Colony" at Roanoke Island off the coast where Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage in America, was born and baptized in 1587.

Just across Trent River from New Bern are buried three Governors of North Carolina who resided in the section: Richard Dobbs Spaight and Richard Dobbs Spaight, the younger, in a family vault on the old Clermont plantation; and Abner Nash, farther westward at Pembroke. Brinson Memorial School at Grantham, on Highway 70, started in 1912 was the first consolidated school in North Carolina with a bus transportation system.

Remains of several forts erected during the War Between the States may still be seen in the section. There were six Confederate forts and ten Federal Forts in this vicinity. Fort Totten, a Federal construction, was located on the western edge of the city, now between Highways 17 and 70.

The first road and ferry in the State led from New Bern to Bath, oldest town in the State, where the oldest church building



in North Carolina still stands. Nearby is the "Original Washington," also an interesting historic and resort region.

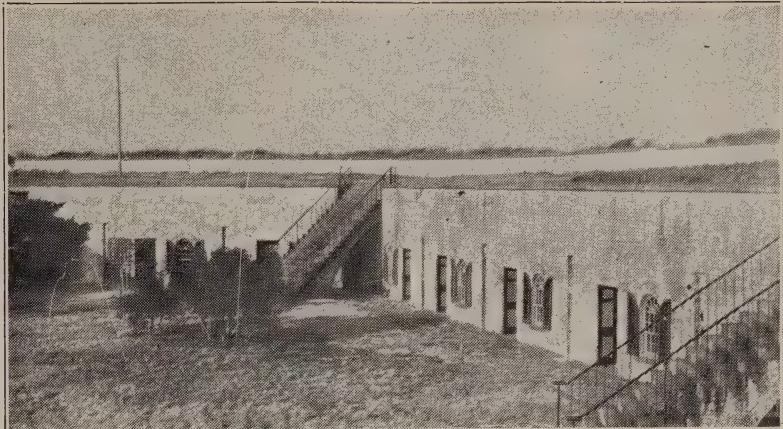
All along the coast are sites of historic, scenic and recreational interest, as Nags Head, Ocracoke, Hatteras and various islands or parts of the unique sand banks. Authorized for the upper "banks" is the first coastal National Park. Old pirate relics from the stirring days of Edward Teach, "Blackbeard," are pointed out to visitors. In the interior are Edenton, third oldest town of the State, and many other interesting places. South of here are Camp Lejeune and Wilmington.

Counties adjoining Craven are particularly interesting, and much time may be spent profitably in the area. In Pamlico County Indian relics abound. Four centuries ago Indians started there the first cultivated flower garden in North America.

At the threshold of one of the finest coastal playground areas along the South Atlantic east of New Bern are Morehead City, Beaufort, Atlantic and numerous other coastal communities. Atlantic Beach, with large pavilion, hotel, bathhouses and resort facilities, is one of only two beaches along the seacoast that have the decided advantage of safety, protection and breeze by extending east and west. Manteo, Indian friend to the first whites at old Fort Raleigh, is said to have been born on Harker's Island.

Three miles from historic Beaufort, one of the most beautiful little towns in the country, is Fort Macon, historic landmark in a State park, where for almost 200 years there has been a fortress. The present fort is more than a century old.



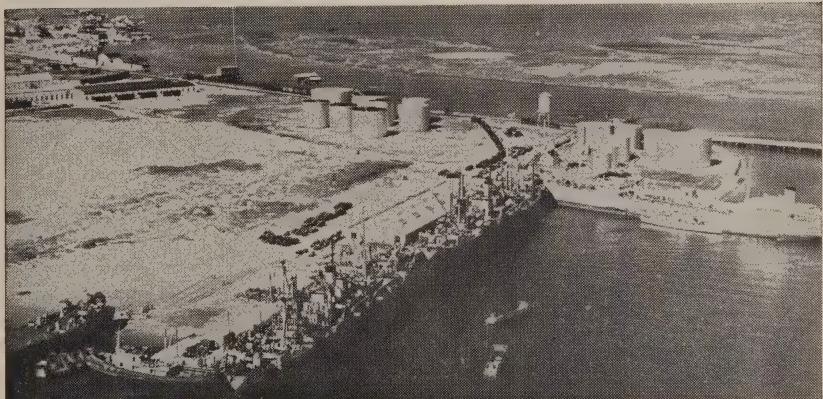


RESTORED INTERIOR OF HISTORIC FORT MACON

To the south is Cape Lookout, one of the best harbors in the country. Old Camp Glenn, former National Guard camp and then Coast Guard target range, near Morehead City, was designated in 1941 as a Navy supply base, but is now owned by the State and used by the Commercial Fisheries Division and Morehead City Technical Institute. Many other interesting sites are on Bogue Sound, "The Mediterranean of America."

For 38 years New Bern was the home port of the Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico. This vessel has been replaced by a smaller cutter.

Both the mammoth Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, 19 miles southeast of New Bern, and the largest all-purpose Marine Corps base in the country at Camp Lejeune, 35 miles to the southwest, are open to visitors and are well worth visiting.



MOREHEAD CITY PORT PRIOR TO RECENT PROJECTS

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**START TOUR AT UNION POINT AND LOOK FOR THE "BEAR" NUMERALS AT THE VARIOUS HISTORIC SITES**

# *Tour of Historic Spots*

(Follow broken black marks on accompanying map of New Bern.)

**1. UNION POINT.** **East Front and South Front Streets.** At the junction of Neuse and Trent rivers, King Taylor of the aboriginal Indians is said to have lived with his tribe. The site was purchased by Baron Christopher deGraffenried, founder of New Bern, who built there a government house in 1710. The spot has been beautified as a municipal park by the Woman's Club in cooperation with the city. The Woman's Clubhouse there is used for club and community programs. The adjoining grounds are used for supervised play, under the Civic Recreation Department.



WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE

**2. SITE OF TREATY TREE.** **East Front and Pollock Streets.** Until the great fire of 1842 there stood a live oak tree under which was signed an important treaty of peace between the Indians and the early colonists. The large brick house on the southeastern corner, the Simpson-Duffy house, was built by Samuel Simpson about 141 years ago, and originally was exactly like the adjoining Sparrow-Daniels residence. Capt. Appleton Oaksmith, shipper and trader, 86 years ago bought the place and remodeled the dwelling, designing it after Morro Castle at Havana, Cuba. He placed the figure-heads of a woman and two lions over the Pollock Street entrance. The myth that this panel was erected by Baron deGraffenried and that the lion heads were symbolic of royalty, with the middle head representing Queen Anne of England is not true, though it makes an interesting story, since the baron is said to have been in love with the queen. During the War Between the States the residence was used by the Federal Provost Marshal as an office and guard house.

**3. OLDEST HOUSE.** **305 East Front Street.** This Haslen-West house, now modernized and improved, was formerly a brick kitchen for the former Haslen mansion started in 1761 on the corner lot. It is thought to be the oldest brick house still standing within the city. During his boyhood John Bird Sumner, later Bishop of Chester, and then Archbishop of Canterbury in England from 1848 to 1862, is said to have stayed there while on a visit here with his mother, who was Dr. Haslen's sister.



HOUSE ENTRANCE PANEL HAS ROMANTIC MYTH

**4. FIRST PRINTING PRESS.** **East Front and Broad Streets.** On this site James Davis, first State printer, long operated the first printing press in North Carolina. Originally it had been on Pollock Street adjoining the Episcopal church. After setting up his press in New Bern in 1749, he printed here the first newspaper, the first pamphlet, and the first book in the province. A D. A. R. tablet marks the site.

**5. COUNCIL BLUFFS.** **East Front Street at the end of Broad.** Near here Baron deGraffenreid is believed to have first landed with his Swiss settlers in 1710. Treaties with the Indians are said to have been signed under two large oak trees that formerly stood on the river bluffs there.

**6. SHRINE HOME.** **East Front at Broad.** This has been the headquarters for Sudan Shrine Temple since 1920, following organization in 1917 from part of Oasis Temple territory. New Bern is the smallest city in the world to confer all Masonic degrees except the 33rd, including the Shrine. A handsome new Shrine Auditorium adjoins the Home on Broad Street.

**7. HISTORIC CANNON.** **East Front River Shore.** An ancient cannon unearthed several years ago in the center of town is thought to be one of the original cannon from Tryon Palace. Across the street on the corner is the residence of the late Furnifold M. Simmons, for 30 years a United States Senator. State markers on the rivershore mark the first post road from New England to Charleston, and the Simmons home.



EMORY-BISHOP-BREWER HOUSE

**8. EMORY-BISHOP-BREWER HOUSE.** **East Front at New.** President James Monroe and Vice-President John C. Calhoun were entertained in 1819 at this ancient residence, now modernized. It was then owned by Sir George Pollock, one of the wealthiest men of the State. Later it was the home of Judge Matthias E. Manly, of the State Supreme Court. Originally it is said to have been the residence of James Coor, talented architect and prominent statesman. On part of the lot years ago was Bryan's Tavern, one of the first taverns in New Bern.

**9. GULL HARBOR.** **East Front at end of Short.** Named for the river gulls, this ancient Tilghman-Justice home has for years belonged to the Justice family. A frequent visitor here was Elizabeth Shine, born June 7, 1765, in the section, mother of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut (1801-70), famous naval hero, who entered the Navy at the age of nine, serving with distinction in the War of 1812 and the War Between the States.

**10. HOME OF JOSEPH LEECH.** East Front at Change. Among the many offices of Colonel Joseph Leech, (1720-1803), were: member of first provincial convention, State Treasurer, custodian Tryon Palace, and Mayor of New Bern during visit of President Washington.

**11. CYPRESS TREE.** In rear of Smallwood yard, off Change Street. Under this tree the first ship built in North Carolina was constructed and launched. There treaties were signed by Indians and early colonists. Gen. Nathaniel Greene and Richard Dobbs Spaight, later Governor, who resided there, held an important conference under the tree during the closing days of the Revolution, Spaight helping save the patriot cause by pledging his fortune and influence. Spaight's office building is still in the yard. George Washington, Edward Everett and other notables have stood in the shade of the thousand-year-old cypress, one of twenty trees in the Hall of Fame of American Trees. Across the street are the Harold Maxwell flower gardens, among the loveliest in the region.

**12. LOUISIANA HOUSE.** Northwestern Corner, East Front and Change. When erected in 1776, the wooden dwelling had in the rear a double porch similar to the one still in the front, resembling ancient structures in Louisiana. This Vail-Moulton home was long owned and occupied by Mrs. Mary Bayard Devereux Clarke, literary genius and talented poet, who died there March 31, 1886.



SMALLWOOD-WARD HOUSE

**13. SMALLWOOD-WARD HOUSE.** 524 East Front Street. Home of Former State Senator D. L. Ward, Speaker of the House in 1939. Built the first part of the nineteenth century, this house is listed in New York as a perfect type of Georgian architecture. Its exquisite hand-carved interior woodwork is unsurpassed in beauty of detail. An upstairs room is especially lovely, with seven hand-carved doorways and windows in Tidewater blue. Also noteworthy is its hand-carved entrance.

**14. JARVIS-SLOVER-HAND HOUSE.** East Front at Johnson. Another fine early brick specimen. Probably built 1810-11, it was bought in 1812 by Moses Jarvis. The house has 46-inch wide doors, seven-inch-long keys, and strong iron bars over basement windows. Note boot-scraper on steps. During the War Between the States it was used by Federal General Staff officers, including Gen. John G. Foster. Now an antique shop, it is open daily to the public. Its doorway is (right) on this booklet's cover.

**15. CAPTURE OF UNDERWRITER. (Off Tour Route.) In Neuse River off Johnson Street.** On February 2, 1864, Capt. John Taylor Wood, of the Confederate Navy, with a crew in seven cutters came down the river from Kinston and boarded the powerful United States gunboat "Underwriter." In a terrific hand-to-hand fight, the Southerners captured and burned the vessel. The Confederates reported six men killed, 22 wounded, and two taken prisoners; while the Unionists had nine killed, 18 wounded, and 18 prisoners.

**16. SLOVER-GUION HOUSE. Johnson Street at East Front.** This handsome residence (1838), said to have taken three years for construction, served as Department Headquarters for Gen. A. E. Burnside, of the Federal army, and other local Commanders of the Federal Department of North Carolina, after the capture of New Bern on March 14, 1862, by Northern troops during the War Between the States. Its modernized antique brick kitchen and slave house in the rear yard on East Front Street is now the Bynum home.



FEDERAL DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

**16-A. FULSHIRE-IVES HOME. 211 Johnson Street.** Recently restored and enlarged, this old home is thought to date back to 1799. The original kitchen, with its huge outside chimney, is connected to the main edifice by a bricked "Dog-Trot," the wooden arches being suggestive of Charleston architecture.

**17. CAPTAIN'S WALK. Southeastern Corner at Johnson and Craven.** This Richardson home dates back to 1828. During the War Between the States it was used as a hospital for the Ninth New Jersey Infantrymen and as barracks for Company B, 45th Massachusetts Regiment. On the roof may be seen a "Captain's Walk," one of several in New Bern. Found only in coastal towns and sometimes called "Widow's Walks," they were built by sea captains, so that ships might be sighted coming up the river.

**18. JERKINS-DUFFY HOUSE.** Southwest Corner at Johnson and Craven. This lot was once owned by Dr. Alexander Gaston, father of William Gaston, noted jurist, orator, father of State religious liberty and composer of the State anthem, "The Old North State," who was born in New Bern, September 19, 1778. During the War Between the States this attractive home, built about 1818, was occupied by Union Staff officers.

**19. HOME OF WILLIAM GASTON.** Craven Street at New. Here was the home of State Supreme Court Justice William Gaston during many years of his adult life. The fine old Coor-Gaston-Walker house is believed to have been erected about 1767 by James Coor. Its Chinese Chippendale balustrades on the double porches are considered especially noteworthy types. In the rear yard stood Gaston's original law office building.



CRAVEN COUNTY JAIL AND COURTHOUSE

**20. WASHINGTON OAK.** In front of side entrance to County Court-house, Craven Street. Surrounded by a protecting guard, this oak tree stands as a memorial to George Washington. Similar oaks, gifts of Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, were planted in 1925 in the other eight cities of North Carolina visited by the first President in 1791.

**21. BOULDER TO THREE GOVERNORS.** Court House Lawn, Broad Street at Craven. A large granite boulder contains three bronze memorial tablets for New Bern's three Governors of North Carolina: Richard Dobbs Spaight, Richard Dobbs Spaight the younger, and Abner Nash. All three are buried across Trent River. Inside the courthouse are portraits of the first Richard Dobbs Spaight; the Earl of Craven, a Lord Proprietor of Carolina, for whom the county was named; and other distinguished leaders. On the west lawn is a memorial shaft erected Nov. 12, 1944, to

Craven citizens making the supreme sacrifice in World Wars I and II.



**21-A. WILLIAM GASTON OFFICE.** On Lot Adjoining City Hall. The law office of William Gaston, which originally stood near his home on Craven Street near New, has recently been reconstructed by the New Bern Garden Club in cooperation with the North Carolina Garden Club.



22. **CITY HALL.** Craven and Pollock Streets. The city took over this building in 1936 as its city home, purchasing it from the Federal government, which used it April, 1897, to April, 1935, as a post-office. On the adjoining church lot long stood a primeval hickory tree, under which a treaty was signed by Baron deGraffenried with the Indians. Moved from the old City Hall to the arched entrances at the new city home are two of the three copper black bears, symbols of the town. The third bear was removed to a niche in front of the central fire station. In the city hall hangs a framed bear banner of Bern, Switzerland, presented to the town in 1896 by the Burghisses of Bern, after New Bern had adopted the armorial bearings of the parent city. The word "Bern" means bear. Inside, too, are old parchment grants to deGraffenried, who was given the title "Landgrave of Carolina and Baron of Bernburg," and also more recent gifts to the city from Bern, Switzerland.

23. **SITE OF OLD BANK OF NEW BERN.** 225 Craven Street. Formerly the old Bank of New Bern stood here, established in 1804, one of the first two banking institutions chartered by the State of North Carolina and long one of the most important banks in the State. Ten-dollar bills from there were called "Bill Gastons," during Gaston's presidency. The local branch of the Bank of North Carolina was located on the northeast corner of Craven and Pollock Streets.

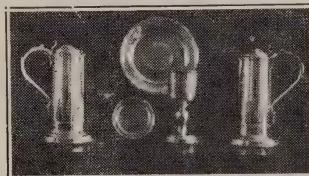
24. **TAYLOR-WARD HOUSE.** 228 Craven Street. Built 1792 by Isaac Taylor, this brick residence has an unusually graceful doorway, beautiful interior woodwork, and rare recessed window seats. During the War Between the States it was 45th Massachusetts Regimental Headquarters. The brick structure to the south was formerly the City Hall, now used for private business concerns.

25. **GASTON HOTEL.** South Front Street, between Craven and Middle. One of the oldest hotels still in continuous service in the South. Honoring William Gaston, its original name was Gaston House in 1855, then was changed to The Chattawka, Indian name for their settlement here before arrival of the white men. The arch at the right of the entrance used to be a driveway through the building for stage coaches.



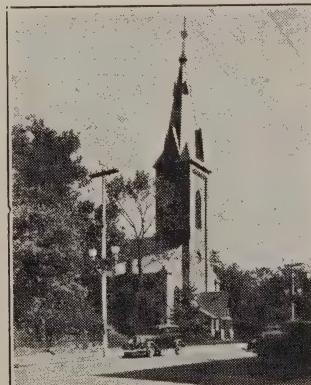
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**26. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.** Middle Street. Baptists organized here May 11, 1809. The present edifice was dedicated July 2, 1848. Meredith College and Furman University took their names from former local pastors, the Rev. Thomas Meredith and the Rev. Richard Furman, Jr. *The Biblical Recorder*, State Baptist publication, was started here January 5, 1835, by Meredith; another local pastor, Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, founded *The Confederate Baptist*, at Columbia, S. C. Wake Forest was the idea of a New Bern pastor, William Hooper, second President of the institution. Later he became president of Chowan Female Institute. Samuel Wait, first Wake Forest President, became prominent in North Carolina because of an accident that forced him to come to New Bern. For five years he was president of Oxford Female Seminary. Other pastors had outstanding educational records: the building at Chowan College was due to Martin R. Forey, President; Joseph Andrews Warne, first principal of Furman Academy; Josiah J. Finch, principal at Sedgewick Female Seminary; Theodore Whitefield, principal of a Mississippi school for blind; and Abraham David Cohen, resident superintendent of Oxford Orphanage. The church was enlarged and redecorated in 1942-43 and again redecorated following a fire in 1947. President Harry Truman attended services here November 7, 1948, the first Sunday after his triumph in the Presidential Election.



COMMUNION SILVER

**27. CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** Pollock and Middle Streets. Following organization of the parish in 1715, the first of three brick churches on this property was finished about 1750. King George II of England gave the parish a silver communion service, Bible and prayer book in 1752. The grave of the first rector, Rev. James Reed, early advocate of public schools, is in the churchyard. The present church edifice dates back to 1873. Two dioceses have been organized here: North Carolina in 1817; East Carolina, 1883. Extensive repairs were made in 1949 to the church, Parish House and enlarged Church School Building.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH



28. **LADY BLESSINGTON CANNON.** At corner of Churchyard fence, across from Elks Temple. This cannon was taken from the British Ship-of-War Lady Blessington, captured after a sharp engagement during the Revolution by an armed privateer belonging to John Wright Stanly, New Bern patriot. Use of it was made in laying off the city of New Bern.

29. **SITE OF OLD COURT HOUSE AND MARKET HOUSE.** Intersection of Middle and Broad Streets. There met the committee of New Bern citizens, whose resolutions of May 31, 1775, as forceful and fearless as any in American annals, effected within a few hours the precipitous flight of Josiah Martin, last of the Royal Governors of North Carolina. At the old courthouse, at the May term of court, 1786, in the case of Bayard versus Singleton, it was held in principle for the first recorded time in America that the judicial authority is independent of the legislative, and a legislature is limited in power by a Constitution.

30. **FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.** Middle Street beyond Broad. This is the oldest Christian Science Church in East Carolina. Its cornerstone was laid December 31, 1903, the first Christian Scientist church built and dedicated in North Carolina. Financial contribution was made by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, discoverer of Christian Science. Next door is a church reading room. Formerly this house is said to have been the home of Joseph A. Williams, son of William J. Williams, noted painter of the famous Masonic portrait of Washington.

31. **FEDERAL BUILDING.** Middle Street at New. Built 1933-35 from appropriations of \$325,000, this Federal building, in Colonial design, is on the original site of the Stanly house. New Bern had the first postal service in North Carolina; and the first postoffice in the State under the Republic was started here June 1, 1790, with Francis Xavier Martin as postmaster. Murals in the handsome courtroom depict the Bayard case ruling, deGraffenreid and the Old World settlers, Davis and the first printing press, and the first provincial convention.

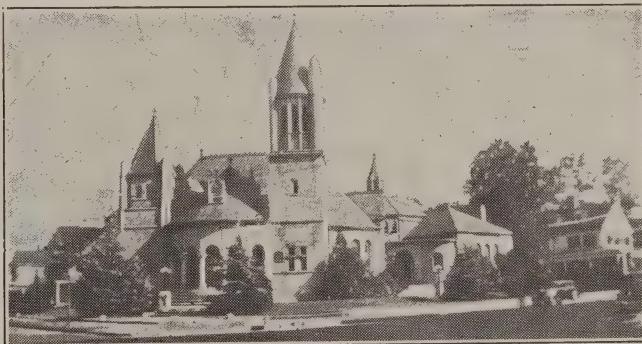


HANDSOME POSTOFFICE OF COLONIAL DESIGN



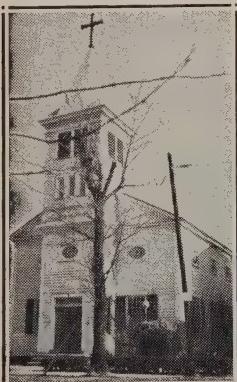
HISTORICAL MURALS IN FEDERAL COURTROOM

32. CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH. Middle Street at New. Methodists organized here in 1802 and a church was erected, second for the town. This structure, their third here, was dedicated October 22, 1905. The edifice has been recently improved greatly with a new altar, a new organ, and chimes.



CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

33. SA. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. Eastern Side of Middle Street just beyond New. Oldest Catholic parish in State, established in 1821, it originally comprised almost all East Carolina, and members attended from as far west as Greensboro. The present building was erected in 1841. Previous services were held often at William Gaston's home. Cardinal Gibbons often visited here while Bishop of the North Carolina vacariate, 1868-72. Father Harry Northrop, local priest, became Bishop of Charleston; and another priest, Father Thomas F. Price, founded the Catholic orphanage at Raleigh and the American Foreign Missionary Society at Mary Knoll, N. Y. On the corner is the rectory, and next on New Street is the parish school. A large auditorium has been recently built on the lot adjoining the church.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

34. JEWISH SYNAGOGUE. Across from the Catholic Church. Chester B'Nai Sholem—1908.

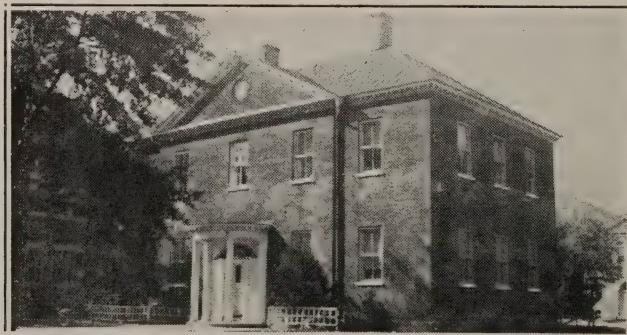
35. LEE HOUSE. 507 Middle Street. Built in 1777, this is a fine example of early Cape Cod architecture. There is no proof that it was used by Lighthorse Harry Lee of Virginia, except that the word, "Lee," is cut in its upper beams.



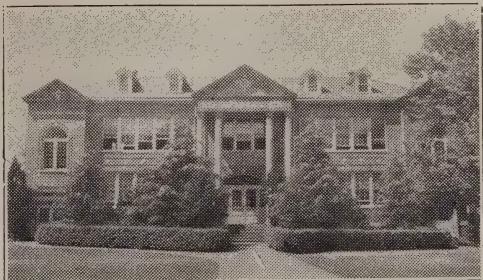
HISTORIC JOHN WRIGHT STANLY HOME, NOW A LIBRARY

**36. JOHN WRIGHT STANLY HOME.** South side of New Street near Middle. Historic home of John Wright Stanly, illustrious patriot, who lost fourteen privateers during the Revolution. Gen. Nathaniel Greene is said to have procured there a loan of money that assisted valuably in winning that war. President Washington spent two nights there in 1791. It was also the residence of Stanly's son, John Stanly, State Legislator and Congressman. Born there February 17, 1817, was his grandson, Gen. Lewis Addison Armistead, who led in person Pickett's division in the charge at Gettysburg in 1863, being killed at the peak of the Confederate advance behind captured Federal guns. During the War Between the States the house was Burnside's first headquarters here, then became a Convent of Mercy. After its removal from the corner lot, the mansion, dating back to around 1780, was purchased and restored by the New Bern Library Association. Now it is a free library, with museum, open daily to the public.

**37. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** New Street. Dedicated January 6, 1822, this beautiful edifice was constructed from a design by Sir Christopher Wren, noted English architect. Its high pulpit at the front and sloping floor are of special interest. Displayed are many historical relics. The church was organized January 7, 1817, by John Witherspoon, grandson of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Eunice Hunt, a charter member, was daughter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards. This is the oldest Presbyterian organization and church building in any town in Eastern North Carolina. The church is open to visitors. The Sunday School building is also used as a church recreational and educational center. A new educational building has been recently completed.

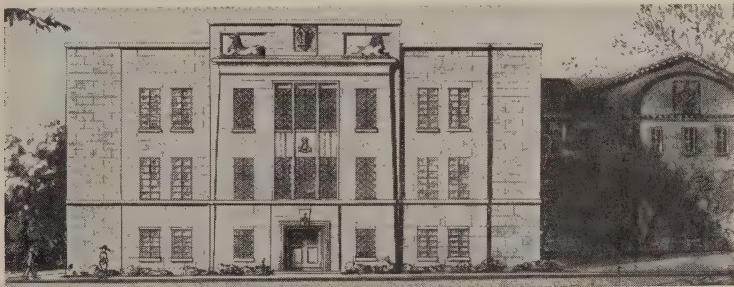


OLDEST SCHOOL BUILDING IN STATE, ERECTED IN 1806



MOSES GRIFFIN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

38. **NEW BERN ACADEMY.** **New and Hancock Streets.** Opened January 1, 1764, this school was incorporated in 1766, first in North Carolina and second private secondary school in English America to get a charter. First trustees were approved by King George III. The General Assembly met at times in schoolhouse. The oldest building still used was built in 1806, of bricks brought from England, now the oldest public schoolhouse in the State. Its white portico has been restored. Many distinguished citizens were educated there. The high school building is named for Moses Griffin, who in 1816 left property for the education of needy boys and girls, one of the earliest of such bequests.



NEW SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE AND OLD MASONIC TEMPLE

39. **MASONIC TEMPLES AND THEATRE.** **Hancock Street at Johnson.**

The old Masonic Temple is one of the oldest Masonic lodge halls still in use. St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., second in North Carolina when chartered January 10, 1772, has been honored locally by Presidents Washington and Monroe. It owns valuable antiques. Upstairs woodwork is among the finest hand carving in the country. The Masonic Theatre on the first floor is the oldest theatre still operating in the United States, being used for the purpose since 1805. In the rear of the building September 5, 1802, was the famed duel between Governor Spaight and John Stanly, Spaight being killed. The handsome new \$300,000 Scottish Rite Temple on the corner, dedicated November 17, 1949, is one of the most commodious and modern in the South.

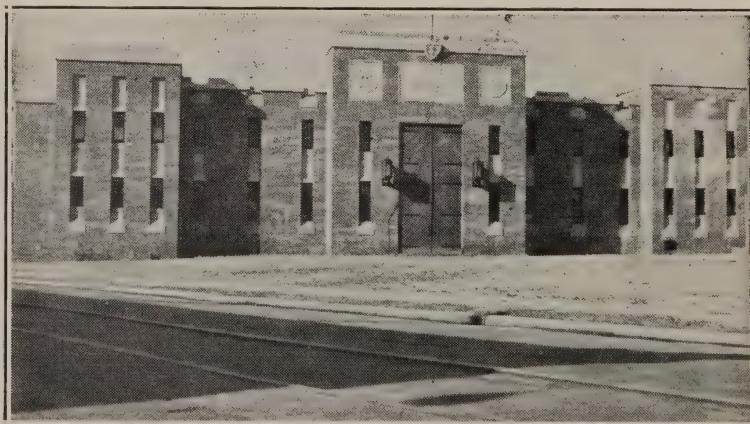
40. **RAINS BIRTHPLACE.** **Presbyterian Manse, 411 Johnson, near Hancock.** In a house here in June, 1803, was born Gen. Gabriel J. Rains, head of the Confederate torpedo and harbor defense bureau, whose submarine explosive inventions held Federal fleets at bay. There in 1817 was born his brother, Gen. George Washington Rains, who made these torpedoes effective through fuse priming, built Confederate munitions factories, and held many steam engine patents. The manse was built in 1842.



41. **CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY.** Queen and George. In this cemetery, opened in 1800 by Christ Church and turned over to the city in 1854, are buried William Gaston, William Williams, Peter Custis, Moses Griffin, Mary Bayard Clarke, and other important personages. The weeping arch entrance of coquina shell holds moisture, and a superstition is that if water drops on a person he will be the next carried there in a hearse. The Confederate monument, seen from the front entrance, was erected May 11, 1885, by the Ladies' Memorial Association.

42. **KAFER PARK.** George and Queen. This athletic field is a part of area taken over by the city after a forty-block \$1,000,000 fire Dec. 1, 1922. It is the home diamond of the New Bern Bears, who in 1951 won the Coastal Plains Baseball League Pennant. Southwest is the armory used before World War II by Battery D, 113th Field Artillery, North Carolina National Guard, then taken over by the New Bern Company of State Guards. Now it is used by new National Guard units, as well as a recreation center. Other city recreation units are up George Street.

43. **NATIONAL CEMETERY.** (Off route.) End of National Avenue. The seven-and-a-half-acre cemetery, established Feb. 1, 1867, has graves of 3,600 soldiers from 20 states. Names of 1,100 are unknown. New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts have monuments.



NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY BUILT BY WPA AND CITY



TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

43-A. **TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.** Northeast Corner, Broad at George. This congregation was organized May 5, 1895. The new brick church, replacing a frame 1897 structure destroyed by fire in 1931, was dedicated May 6, 1945, in 50th anniversary programs.

43-B. **HOLLISTER-SWAN HOUSE.** Southeast Corner Broad at George. Built 1840. Used as a Federal Paymaster's office during War Between the States. Owned and occupied by the Hollister family for five generations.

43-C. **RHEM-WALDROP HOUSE.** Southwest, Broad at George. This attractive house, erected in 1855, is built of brick simulating stone like Tryon's Palace. Its mahogany doors have mail slots cut by New York regimental officers who used it as headquarters during the War Between the States. Five generations of family have lived there continuously.

44. **FIRST REVOLVER.** Broad Street, next to St. Luke's Hospital. At his shop here in 1829 John Gill, locksmith and silversmith, invented a revolver, a percussion weapon with 14 chambers, first of the kind.

45. **BROAD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.** Broad at Burn. This church was dedicated in April, 1926; the congregation was organized in 1886. In a house formerly on the Sitgreaves lot there, Royal Governor Josiah Martin took refuge in 1775, before fleeing to an English warship.

45-A. **OLD WEAPONS.** Broad Street at Fleet. A large collection of antique weapons and relics may be viewed at Anderson's Drug Store.

45-E. **ST. MARY'S FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.** Fleet Street. Free Will Baptists organized here more than a century ago. This church was erected in 1909, with the Sunday School addition completed in 1938. The rectory, Fleet and Pollock, is a fine old Louisiana-type house.

46. **FEDERAL PRISON.** Eden Street at Pollock. One of the local Federal prisons. Emeline Pigott, Confederate spy, was imprisoned in this Jones-Lipman home. In the vicinity are many other old houses.



BROAD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH



BRYAN-ASHFORD HOME, DUFFY HOUSE AND STEVENSON HOME

47. **FEDERAL HOSPITAL.** **Pollock at George.** This 147-year-old Stevenson house was used as one of several hospitals during the War Between the States. Notable are its carved woodwork, century-old fence, and Captain's Walk. At 313 George Street in the garden of the Daves-Metts home (1771) is a huge mulberry tree believed to be one of a number planted by Baron deGraffenreid when he imported silkworms and attempted to start the silk industry in his colony.

48. **BRYAN-ASHFORD HOUSE.** **605 Pollock Street.** Built in 1802 by James Bryan and later used by Washington Bryan, this handsome brick home has rare rosewood folding doors and Sheffield doorknobs. The adjoining office doorway is of perfect symmetry. Except for a few years, the two structures have been owned and occupied by Bryan connections.

49. **STANLY-GREEN-WINFIELD HOUSE.** **Pollock Street at Hancock.** On this site in 1798 Dr. Elias Hawes opened the first free white school in the State. The present mansion was built in 1850 by Edward Stanly, attorney and Congressman, who became Governor of the Federal Department of North Carolina and later was almost elected Governor of California. Recently restored, it is now used as a USO service center.



STANLY-GREEN-WINFIELD HOUSE



50. **HISTORIC TRYON'S PALACE.** 223 George Street. Only one wing of the famed Tryon's Palace, "the most beautiful building in the Colonial Americas," is still standing, but plans are well under way for complete restoration of the Colonial and first State Capitol.

The late Mrs. J. E. Latham, of Greensboro, a native of New Bern, in 1944 established a trust fund of \$100,000 and in 1949 donated \$150,000 as well as rare antique furnishings valued at \$135,000. Upon her death in April, 1951, she bequeathed more than \$1,000,000 for the restoration.

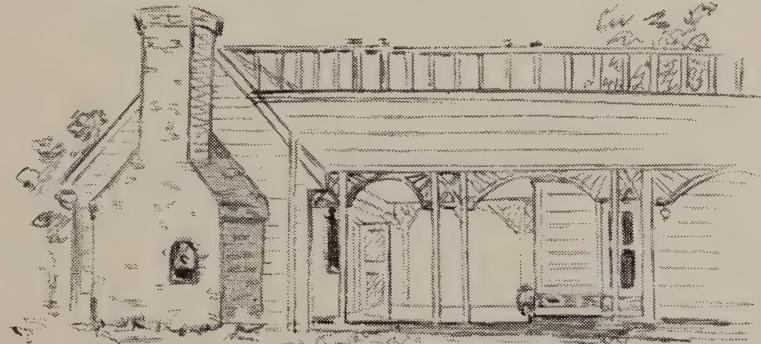
The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and the State Tryon's Palace Commission will sponsor the work. The General Assembly in 1945 voted \$150,000 to buy the site as a State Park. When it met in New Bern in March, 1951, the Assembly appropriated another \$35,000. Most of the property has already been acquired by the State.

Erected 1767-70 by Royal Governor William Tryon, the Palace was unique in that it combined the governor's residence with the capitol offices and General Assembly Hall. Its architect, John Hawks, was "the first professional architect to remain in America."

At the Palace on Aug. 25, 1774, met the first provincial convention of North Carolina, the first anywhere in America to be called and held in defiance of British orders. The second provincial convention was held there in 1775. From there Royal Governor Josiah Martin, Tryon's successor, was driven in May, 1775, by patriotic citizens.

Gov. Richard Caswell and the other first State officials elected under the first Constitution of the Independent State of North Carolina were inaugurated in the Palace Jan. 16, 1777. The first State General Assembly met there in 1777, and as late as 1794, when the Capital was moved to Raleigh.

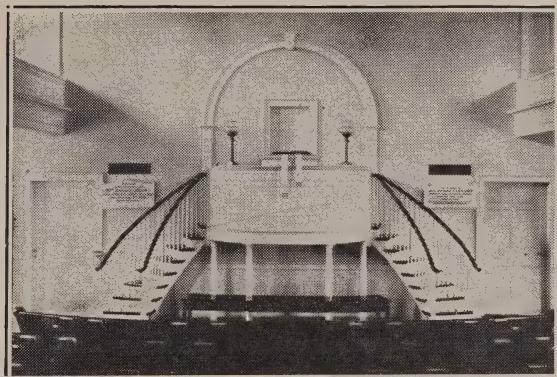
President George Washington was entertained at a banquet in the Palace in 1791, and other leaders were guests before the fire there Feb. 27, 1798.



FULSHIRE-IVES KITCHEN AND DOG-TROT

## NEW BERN FIRSTS

- FIRST* in America to record officially the legal principle that a legislature is limited in power by a Constitution.
- FIRST* in America for a provincial convention called and held in defiance of British orders.
- FIRST* in America to celebrate George Washington's birthday.
- FIRST* in North Carolina and *THIRD* in America, next to Boston and Philadelphia, in celebrating Independence Day.
- FIRST* incorporated school in North Carolina and *SECOND* private secondary school in English America to receive a charter.
- FIRST* town to get a bequest and start free trade school for orphan girls.
- FIRST* free school for white children in North Carolina.
- FIRST* public schools for Negroes in North Carolina.
- FIRST* printing press, *FIRST* pamphlet, *FIRST* newspaper and *FIRST* book published in North Carolina.
- FIRST* revolving gun made here.
- FIRST* death sentence by a Federal Court in the United States.
- FIRST* Federal hanging.
- FIRST* capital of Independent State of North Carolina, following 34 years at different times as provincial capital; and capital of the Federal Department of North Carolina during War Between the States.
- FIRST* State officials inaugurated here in Tryon's Palace, the *FIRST* State capitol building.
- FIRST* State Legislature met here.
- FIRST* large four-faced clock on a building in State, if not in the world.
- FIRST* ship in State constructed and launched here.
- FIRST* steamboat owned in North Carolina.
- FIRST* railroad to be 100 per cent Diesel operated.
- FIRST* torpedo put to practical use invented here.
- FIRST* modern Naval Minesweeper made in State launched here in 1942.
- FIRST* internal improvement in North Carolina, Indians cutting an early canal from near the mouth of Neuse River to Core Sound.
- FIRST* road and *FIRST* ferry in North Carolina led from New Bern to Bath.
- FIRST* postal service in North Carolina.
- FIRST* postoffice in State under the Republic.
- FIRST* in North Carolina to decorate streets with vari-colored electric lights during the Christmas season.
- FIRST* motion picture theatre built from ground up in the State.
- FIRST* in State to organize County Dramatic Association, with branches in all high schools.
- FIRST* in State to sponsor programs and offer essay prizes on highway safety in all County schools.
- FIRST* public banking institution for State of North Carolina, 1778. One of *FIRST* two banks chartered in State, 1804.
- FIRST* steam sawmill in area.
- FIRST* macadamized road in region.
- FIRST* in State and *SECOND* in Country to organize Girls' Hi-Y Club.
- FIRST* in North Carolina to observe Local History Month, mark historic spots, issue free guide-books, and offer guide service.
- OLDEST* theatre in America still in regular operation here.
- OLDEST* benevolent society still in existence in State and perhaps *SECOND* in the United States.
- OLDEST* school building still in use in North Carolina and one of the oldest in America.
- OLDEST* Catholic parish in North Carolina.
- OLDEST* Christian Science Church in East Carolina.



RESTORED ORIGINAL PRESBYTERIAN PULPIT

*OLDEST* Presbyterian church organization and building in Presbytery.

*OLDEST* fire company in State with the earliest charter still in existence.

Several World records have been broken by local firemen.

*OLDEST* instances of paternity on official medical records.

*ORIGINAL* Self-Kicking Machine.

*SMALLEST* city in the United States to confer all Masonic degrees except the 33rd, and have a Shrine Temple.

*LARGEST* lumber barge ever made in North Carolina was built on Trent River in December, 1900.

*MOST* magnificent Postoffice and City Hall for town of its size.

*MOST* historic communion equipment in the country—silver communion service, Bible and prayer book presented to Episcopal Church in 1752 by King George II of England; and one of three communion cloths in America made of memorial laces from over the world.

*MORE* fine original examples of early American architecture than any other town of size.

*MORE* genuine antiques and local relics than any other town of region.

*ONE OF FIRST* towns of its size in the nation to own its electric light plant and start rural electrification.

*ONE OF THE FIRST* cities anywhere to organize a modern Community Council to aid unemployed and needy.

*ONE OF FIRST* places in North Carolina to start a public library.

*ONE OF FIRST* ten Coast Guard Cutters of the United States was constructed here.

*ONE OF FIRST* mutual fire insurance companies.

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## PERSONAGES OF NOTE

MARTIN HOWARD, Chief Justice of the Royal Colony of North Carolina from 1767 to 1773, resided on his plantation, "Richmond," near New Bern. He was founder and first Master of St. John's Masonic Lodge.

MADAME MARY VAIL JONES WILSON MOORE, early social leader, lived at Clermont, across Trent river. She married thrice—for love, wealth and prestige. Often she came to town in an elegant boat, with six liveried oarsmen. She was the grandmother of Governor Richard Dobbs Spaight.

SAMUEL CORNELL, a prosperous merchant, who lent money for the construction of Tryon Palace, had strong Tory leanings which led to the famed Bayard-Singleton court case. His granddaughter was Daniel Webster's second wife. A family descendant founded Cornell University.

MARQUIS DE BRETIGNY, who commanded N. C. calvary at Guilford Court House, lived here and was on the Governor's Council in 1783.

WILLIAM BLOUNT, who became Governor of the Territory South of the River Ohio and Senator from Tennessee, owned property in New Bern. He and Richard Dobbs Spaight were two of North Carolina's five delegates at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia and were two of the three signing the Constitution. The third signer, Dr. Hugh Williamson, came to New Bern during the Revolution.

BISHOP GEORGE W. FREEMAN of Arkansas, Episcopal clergyman, served previously here as assistant to his brother, Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, principal of the New Bern Academy, early in the 19th century.

THE REV. FRANCES LISTER HAWKS, Episcopal minister, became Supreme Court Reporter and President of the University of Louisiana. He was a noted orator and historian, three times elected to be a Bishop.

THE REV. CICERO S. HAWKS was named Bishop of Missouri.

DR. FREDERICK DEVEREAUX LENTE, born in New Bern, December 23, 1823, invented an early instrument for blood transfusion.

THE REV. DRURY LACY, Presbyterian pastor here 1834-36, served as President of Davidson College and he and his wife opened a Raleigh school which became Peace College. His son, Dr. Ben R. Lacy, Sr., was long State Treasurer, and a grandson, Dr. Ben Lacy, Jr., is now President of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond.

RUSSELL H. CONWELL, Baptist minister, who built the largest Protestant church in America, founded Temple University and two hospitals at Philadelphia, and helped educate 100,000 youths through earnings from his famed lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," was converted from atheism to Christianity by the brave act of his young orderly, John Ring, who lost his life in saving Union Captain Conwell's sword after a fort attack in this section January 30, 1864, during the War Between the States.

GEORGE BROOKS, Massachusetts soldier and brother of the noted Phillips Brooks, died of typhoid fever in Stanly hospital here February 10, 1863.

GEN. JAMES JOHNSTON PETTIGREW, Confederate leader killed in 1863, lived here during his youth. His mother, nee Shepard, was born here.

HANNIS TAYLOR, Minister to Spain and authority on International Law, was born September 12, 1851, in the Blackwell-Bray house, 218 Broad St., built 1774 by Josiah Blackwell. It was war headquarters for the Cadet Band, 45th Massachusetts Regiment. Taylor's brother, Richard V. Taylor, was long a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

DR. DAVID BANCROFT JOHNSON, local school superintendent, was founder and first president of Winthrop College, 1886.

MRS. BROWNIE HANKS EBY, of Raleigh, formerly of New Bern, became here the first woman bank teller in North Carolina.

THE LATE MRS. C. D. BRADHAM was the first registered nurse in North Carolina. Charlotte Rhone was first registered Negro nurse in the State.

DR. CHARLES G. VARDELL, Presbyterian pastor here 1891-96, was first President and now is President Emeritus of Flora Macdonald College. His son, Dr. Charles Vardell, Jr., directs the Salem College Music Department.

## ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

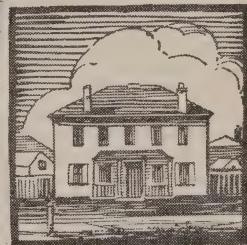
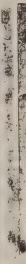
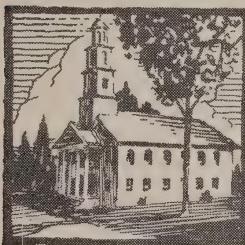
"New Bern, Treasure Town of Exquisite Architecture."—*New York Times*.

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Colonial and Georgian architecture in New Bern, justly famed, is chiefly similar to New England types, due to water trade with Northern ports; but there are many other styles, the diversity bringing architectural fame.

**Dutch Colonial:** Clark-Davis home, Metcalf and New streets, dating back to pre-Revolutionary days as one of the first schoolhouses in the South. **Cape Cod:** Daves-Metts home, 313 George. **Half Cape Cod:** Montague-Carpenter House, 211 Broad Street. **Louisiana:** Clarke home, Change street, antedating the Revolution; the Carter-Hargett house, Pollock and Fleet, built in 1778; and the Vail-Moulton home.



The Primrose-Henderson house, 318 Craven street, has been charmingly re-designed by former Mayor Ray Henderson as his home.

The Pearce house, 211 Pollock street, almost 100 years in the family, was barracks for Co. A, 45th Massachusetts Regiment, in 1863.

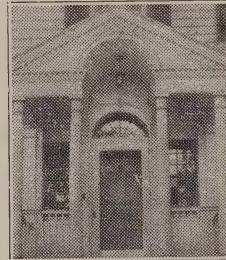
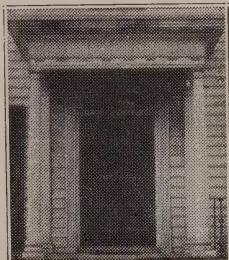
As relics of the pioneers, foot scrapers cut into wrought-iron handrails may be seen at the Donnell-Hughes home, 712 Craven street, pictured (left) on this booklet's cover. The adjoining office has a perfectly proportioned entrance. The Duffy-Howard house across the street at 617 Middle street also has an exceptionally attractive doorway.

Hand-carved woodwork is especially beautiful here, exterior and interior. A handsome mantel is in the Harvey-Henderson house, 221 South Front. It is believed to have been made about 1800 by Robert Hay, Scotchman. James Coor, Englishman, who came here earlier as a naval architect, is also thought to have done much wood carving.

It is impossible to mention all the many fine old houses here, over 130 being a century or more old. The Attmore-Oliver home, 513 Broad, is 132 years old. Four tall, outside chimneys are rarely found elsewhere. The Wadsworth house, 515 Broad is unique and attractive, contrastingly low.

Of still another style is the large, brick Jones house, 508 Broad, now the Kafer Memorial Hospital. It was a provost marshal's home, 1862.

Among other distinctive architectural features are Captains' Walks and small offices adjoining many fine old homes. Old homes here are opened to the public on certain days in April, under the auspices of the Garden Club.



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**Senators:** George E. Badger, also Superior Court Judge and Secretary of the Navy; and Furnifold M. Simmons.

**Congressmen:** R. D. Spaight, John Stanly, William Blackledge, William Gaston, William Salter Blackledge, R. D. Spaight, Jr., John Herritage Bryan, Charles B. Shepard, Edward Stanly, William H. Washington, Richard S. Donnell, David Heaton, Charles R. Thomas, Sr., Orlando Hubbs, F. M. Simmons, Charles R. Thomas, Jr., S. M. Brinson, Charles L. Abernethy, and Graham A. Barden.

**Continental Congress:** Abner Nash, William Blount, R. D. Spaight and John Sitgreaves.

**Chaplain:** Rev. John Nicholson Campbell, 22, supply Presbyterian minister, left here in 1820 to become chaplain of Congress.

**State Chief Justices:** Martin Howard (province), Frederick Nash and John Louis Taylor, Francis X. Martin (Louisiana). **Supreme Court Justices:** Taylor, Nash, William Gaston, Matthias E. Manly. **Superior Court Judges:** Taylor, Edward Harris, Frederick Nash, John R. Donnell, George E. Badger, M. E. Manly, Charles R. Thomas, Sr., William J. Clark, Augustus S. Seymour, Henry R. Bryan, Owen H. Guion, D. L. Ward, Sr., and R. A. Nunn. **Federal Judges:** John Sitgreaves, Edward Harris, Augustus S. Seymour; Francis X. Martin (Territory of Mississippi). **Criminal Court:** George Green, Sr.

**Secretary of State:** C. R. Thomas, Sr. **Treasurers:** Richard Cogdell and Joseph Leech. **State Attorney General:** Edward Stanly. **State Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Stephen D. Pool. **First State Auditor:** John Hawks, supervising architect for Tryon's Palace.

**Speakers of State Senate:** Abner Nash, James Coor and Matthias E. Manly. **Speakers of State House:** Abner Nash, William Blount, Richard Caswell, R. D. Spaight, William Gaston, John Stanly, Edward Stanly, Richard Spaight Donnell, Owen H. Guion and D. L. Ward, Jr.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

REV. GEORGE WHITEFIELD, famous Methodist, preached here three times.

SIR WILLIAM DRAPER, "Conqueror of Manilla," was a guest at Tryon Palace, which was dedicated to him.

EBENEZER HAZARD, postmaster general 1782-9, came here in 1777.

DON FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA, "the precursor of the Independence movement in Spanish America," visited New Bern in 1783.

EDWARD EVERETT, orator, was another noted guest.

MICHAEL WILLIAM BALFE is said to have written his song, "Then You'll Remember Me," while in New Bern after being shipwrecked.

HAROLD LLOYD, then Imperial Potentate, visited Sudan Shrine Temple here Dec. 6, 1949. His successor, Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, is a member of the local Temple.

## ADDITIONAL FACTS

In Christ Church yard is the epitaph, "An honest lawyer indeed."

A citizen on February 28 picked 22 species of flowers in her yard.

At Pollock and Metcalf streets is a Cedar survivor of the Forest Primeval, formerly standing near the two-acre Tryon Palace grounds.

A huge California redwood tree, 77 years old, is in the Federal Cemetery.

Craven County's first will book begins in 1713; deed book, 1730; court docket, 1746; vacant land entries, 1770; and land patents, 1772.

In 1787 the State Legislature let Craven County hold a lottery to raise money for a County Home. In 1938 legal liquor profits were used to help build a County Hospital-Home, first of the kind.

Numerous valuable relics are here: Tryon Palace antiques; an ancient garrote, among old weapons exhibits, Joe Anderson's drug store; and a number of varied museum exhibits at the public library and churches.

A State Highway Historical marker on Neuse rivershore reads: "First Post Road. The road from New England to Charleston, over which mail was first carried regularly in North Carolina, 1738-39, passed near this spot."

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Recreation is varied in New Bern, changing with the changing seasons and appealing to all. It is possible to play outdoors the year around.

There are appeals for those desiring healthful rest in the Carolina sunshine; or for those wanting to go hunting, fishing, bathing or boating; or for others preferring golf at the country club, horsesback riding at a river club; tennis or softball at the electrically-lighted city courts; baseball or other public games at Kafer Park, where new concrete grandstands have been recently erected. Those liking to enjoy an excellent repast may go to the local hotels, restaurants or nearby clubs. Many of the best homes take overnight guests. There are three moving picture theatres, and a public library where books may be borrowed without charge. Other visitors will revel in the historic background and architectural charm.



An organized, city-wide recreational program is sponsored by the city, with playgrounds and a \$40,000 community recreation building on George Street. A USO Club is maintained on Pollock and Hancock Streets. The American Legion Hut on Neuse River is also open to servicemen and veterans.

Annual Water Carnivals and Regattas are sponsored during the third weekend of June by the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club, with swimming events, diving contests, water ski exhibitions, beauty pageant, sailboat and outboard motor races, colorful night water parade and fireworks. The yacht club has a clubhouse on Trent River. For the first time in North Carolina, the Southeastern Division of the American Power Boat Association held its division championship races here on Sept. 2, 1951.

Tar Heels Afloat hold their annual cruise gatherings in New Bern during the Memorial Day weekends. Other cruises go to other points in the coastal area.

New Bern is the home of the Coastal Plain Beagle Field Trials in November, licensed by the American Kennel Club. The city is also the home of the New Bern Kennel Club, which holds annual dog shows licensed by the American Kennel Club.



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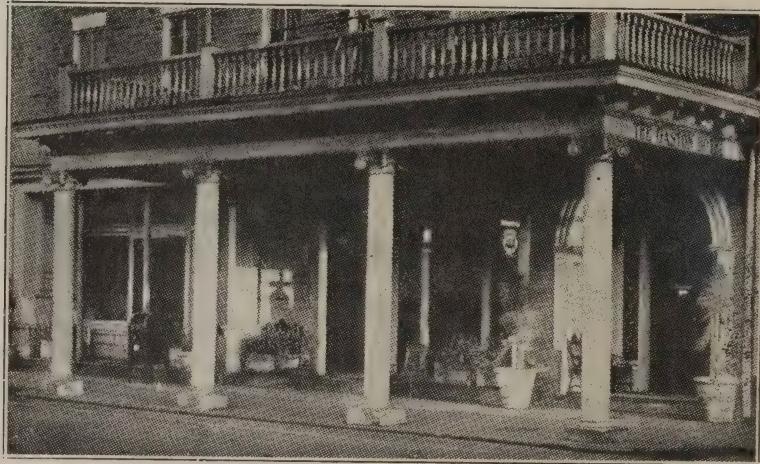
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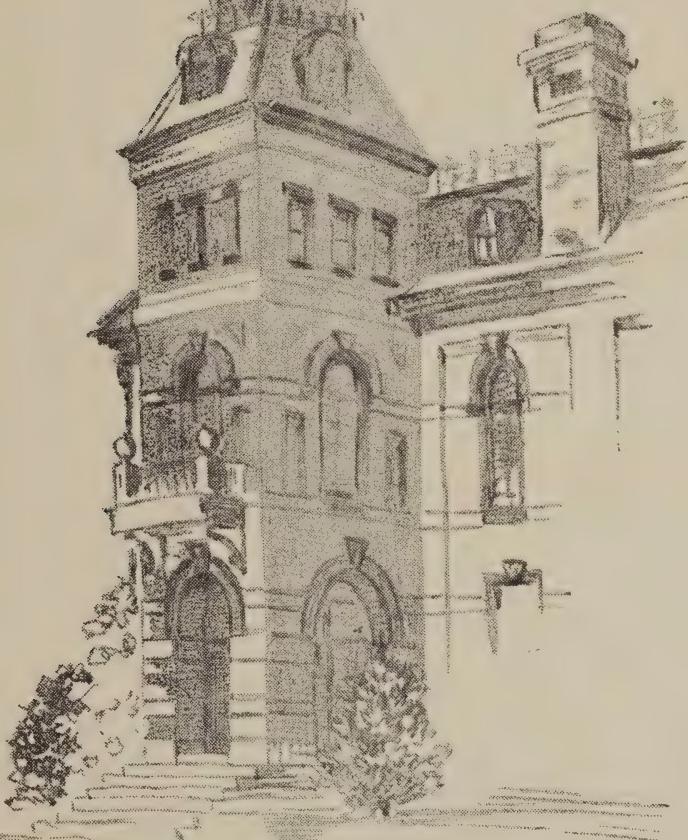
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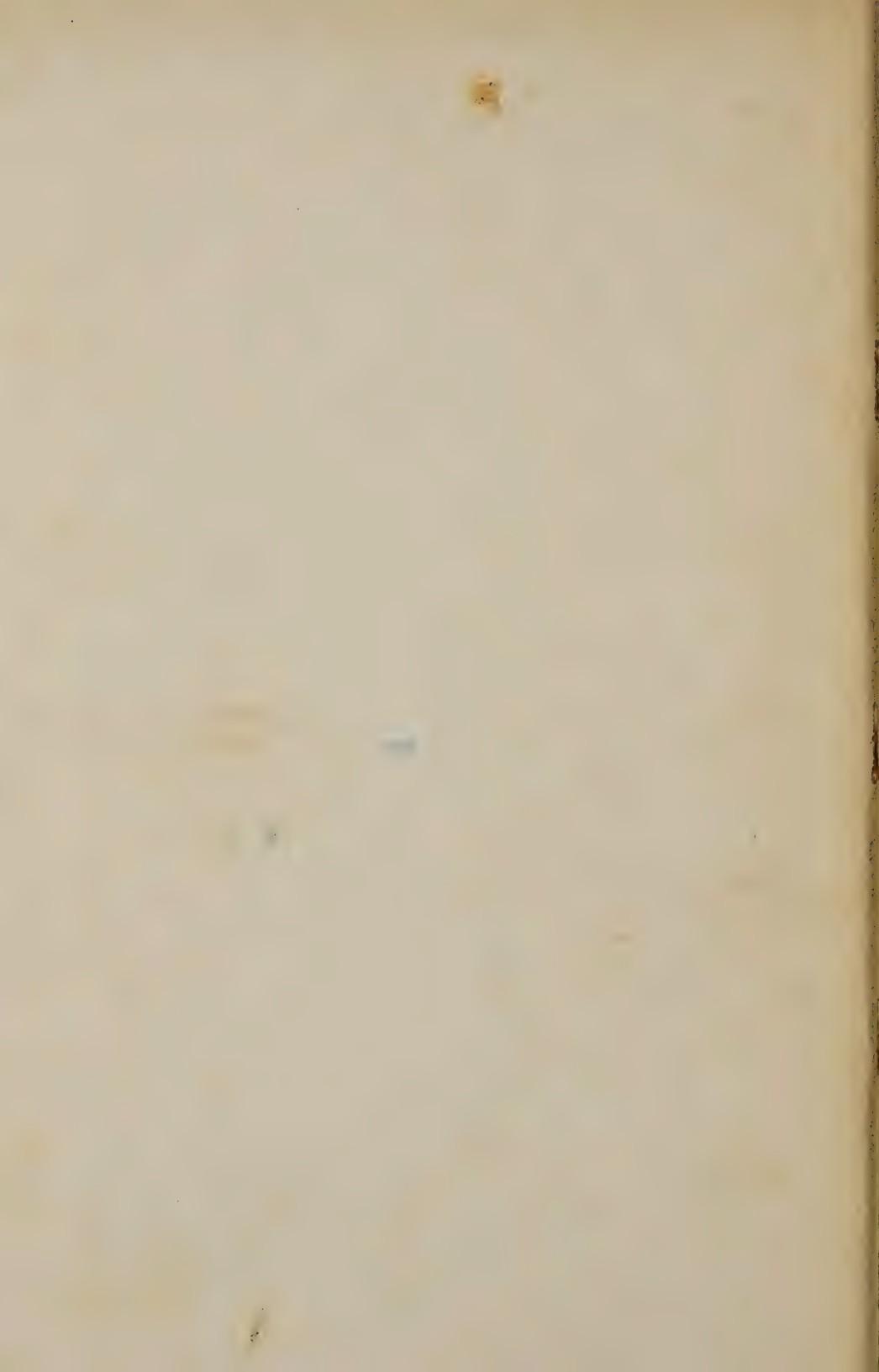
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